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## 75 Summer Missionaries

# State BSU Sets \$60,000 Missions Projects' Goal

By Tim Nicholas  
Baptist students at their annual convention in Jackson this past weekend approved a \$60,000 missions budget and set a goal of filling 75 summer missions slots in 1980 in nine countries and 27 states.

Guest speakers for the convention, which drew 500 students from 26 campuses in the state to Colonial Heights Baptist Church, followed the theme, "My Life: Being, Going, Giving." Bryan and Marguerite Humphrey of Fort Worth, Tex., provided theme interpretations with mime.

Donny Monk of Leesville, La., led the music and presented a concert during the convention.

Jerry Rankin, missionary to Indonesia, who told the group that the

Indonesian government is quickly phasing out foreign missionaries in that country, presented the awesome figures the Christian witness must face.

"Jesus Christ? No, I've lived here all my life! Maybe you'll find him in the next village."

That was the response a villager in Java gave Rankin when he asked the man if he'd ever heard of Jesus. "I find it easy to believe that there are at least one billion people in the world today who have never heard the name Jesus," said Rankin. He said one way to envision a billion was to realize that since Jesus has been on earth, a billion minutes have not yet passed.

Rankin, a Mississippi College graduate, said that he and his wife

went to Java and he attempted to debate the Christian faith against the Moslem faith. "After several months of frustration, God brought us to our knees," he said. He realized that "We didn't go to take God and love to these people, God was already there loving them."

He added that they realized that they were there simply to share an experience in their lives — "to simply seek to communicate who Jesus was and people began to be saved."

James Scirratt, pastor of Jackson's Woodland Hills Baptist Church, told the students that two Jews had died in his place. Besides Jesus, a Jew took his place selling shoes in Waco one day while Scirratt went out to get a soft drink. A tornado hit that store while he was out, killing the man who had filled in for him. "Now do you see why I feel I have to give my all to Him (Jesus)?" asked Scirratt.

Scirratt said that neither he nor the students could disciple anybody. "Only Jesus Christ can. It is more than teaching, more than sharing, more than growing. It is following God."

Charles Baker, opening speaker for the convention, and pastor of University Heights Baptist Church in Stillwater, Okla., challenged the students to give their Thanksgiving break to an



Missionary Rankin speaks. More pictures on page 2.

International student. He said his family was about to sponsor an Indo-Chinese brother and sister.

He said that Christians need to be positive about God and about His creation. "God hasn't given up, so let's not give up on this world," he said.

Hit of the convention was Frances Spain, to whom the students flocked between sessions. Retired public relations director for the Louisiana Department of Education, Mrs. Spain spoke to the entire group and led in a conference on the non-physical differ-

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## Quarter Million Dollars Needed For David Relief

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) — More than \$250,000 in relief contributions will be needed to follow through with plans for teams of Southern Baptist laymen to reconstruct houses damaged by Hurricane David, according to Eugene Grubbs.

Grubbs, coordinator of disaster relief for the Southern Baptist Foreign

Mission Board, said the money will be used to buy building supplies for 80 to 100 houses on Dominica and 300 to 500 houses in the Dominican Republic.

Even construction of those homes will solve only part of the need, said Grubbs, who noted that contributions may be marked for "Caribbean Disaster Relief" and sent to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. Lack of funds, he added, will delay the work projects.

Work teams of Southern Baptist laymen from nine states are being lined up to construct the homes during the next three months, said Norman Godfrey, director of the ministries section of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

James Hatley, disaster relief specialist for the commission, was dispatched to the Dominican Republic to buy supplies for the first work team from Florida, which began construction on Oct. 15.

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## Evangelism Meeting Set For Youths

The 1979 Baptist Youth Evangelism Conference is scheduled for Dec. 27-28 at Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Jackson.

Planned for junior and senior high and college students, the conference is a mixture of entertainment, inspiration, and seminars on witness training and personal growth.

The program, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism Department, drew 1,500 to last year's sessions.

Feature on the program will be the Cruse Family, Kay DeKalb, and David Meece.

Registration begins at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 27. The program concludes at 8:30 p.m., the next day.

## Clarke Receives Unusual Gift When Compere Speaks

Clarke College has received some unusual gifts since its inception in 1908 — property, stocks, even bales of cotton. But perhaps one of the most unusual gifts ever presented to an educational institution was recently given to Clarke by William Lowrey Compere, president emeritus of the college.

Clarke receives the free will love offerings given in response to a very special message that Compere presents to churches and interested groups.

The message is not new, or even different. It is the manner of presentation that makes it unique. Compere has committed the entire gospel of Mark to memory and presents it exactly as it appears in the scriptures. Because of the length of the message, he has several methods of presentation which are arranged to fit different frames.

The entire gospel takes about two hours to present, but "The Heart of Mark's Gospel," a condensed version of the entire gospel can be presented in about 50 minutes. A series of services also allows for the presentation to be divided. Any portion consisting of three or four chapters may be presented as the message in one service. Compere says that the purpose of

this presentation is fourfold: to lead people in a meaningful and memorable worship experience, to demonstrate the power of the inspired Gospel record itself, to lead some hearers into a personal experience with Christ and to encourage and stimulate people to memorize longer portions of Scripture.

In his preaching across the years Compere has been noted for presenting from memory lengthy passages of Scripture, the most widely known being the Sermon on the Mount, which he has delivered in many churches.

The Gospel of Mark, however, with its 16 chapters, is by far the longest portion of Scripture he has ever committed to memory and that at an age when most people cease to attempt such feats. He has presented portions of this Gospel in many churches always receiving enthusiastic response from the hearers.

Compere served as president of Clarke College, Newton, for more than 22 years and when he retired in 1977 the Board of Trustees elected him President-Emeritus. Prior to his service in this Baptist Junior College he was a pastor for a quarter of a century, and during the years at Clarke he

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Mississippi Convention

Nov. 13-15

First Baptist Church, Jackson

THEME: "His Mandate . . . Our Destiny"

SCRIPTURE: "His Mandate" — Matthew 28:19-20

"Go Therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

"Our Destiny" — 1 Peter 2:9

"But you are a Chosen Race, A Royal Priesthood, A Holy Nation, a People for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

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Tuesday Morning

8:45 Musical Praise  
9:00 Convention Call to Order . . . . . Bill Causey  
9:05 Call to Worship  
Congregational Praise . . . . . Jim Raymick  
Scripture . . . . . James K. Byrd  
Prayer . . . . . Curtis Burge  
9:15 Message in Song . . . . . "Sound of Joy," Foxworth Baptist Church  
9:25 Organization of Convention  
Recognition and seating of Messengers . . . . . Joe T. Odle  
Report of Committee on Order of Business . . . . . L. Graham Smith  
Welcome to Jackson . . . . . Frank Pollard  
9:40 Congregational Praise . . . . . Jim Raymick  
9:45 Bible Treasure . . . . . Jerry Oswalt  
10:00 Business Presentation  
Report of Committee on Committees  
Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws  
Presentation of 1979 Budget  
10:30 Congregational Praise . . . . . Jim Raymick  
10:35 Introduction of New Workers in State . . . . . Earl Kelly  
10:50 Message in Song . . . . . Parkway Baptist Church  
11:05 President's Address . . . . . Bill Causey  
11:35 Benediction . . . . . Ernest Sadler

Tuesday Afternoon

1:20 Musical Praise  
1:30 Call to Worship  
Congregational Praise . . . . . Bill Bacon  
Scripture . . . . . Billy Green  
Prayer . . . . . Fred Tarpley  
1:40 Message in Song . . . . . Men's Quartet, FBC, Yazoo City  
1:50 Bible Treasure . . . . . Bobby Perry  
2:05 Business Presentation

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## Dean Rodgers To Head Village's Northern Work

T. Deane Rodgers, assistant executive director of The Baptist Children's Village has been reassigned to administrative supervision of The Village's North Mississippi operations.

His office has been transferred from the Jackson campus to the Farrow Manor Campus near Independence, in Tate County, a branch facility of The Baptist Children's Village. Rodgers has been serving as interim home life director on a part-time basis since early June of 1979.

In releasing the announcement, Village Executive Director Paul N. Nunnery praised Rodgers for what Nunnery described as "a superlative job" in the management and direction of the Tate County Campus during the summer and early fall of 1979, during what Nunnery described as an "exceedingly difficult period."

Rodgers was born in Northeast Mississippi, but moved with his parents, at an early age, to Northwest Texas, which became his home through much of his early adult years. He was educated in the public schools of the City of Lubbock, Texas, and at Texas Tech University, where he earned both the bachelor and master of science degree.

For 27 years, he was employed as a supervising geologist by Pan American Petroleum Company, serving in Houston, Texas, Oklahoma City, Jacksonville, Florida, and in Jackson, Mississippi, on two different occasions. In 1962, Rodgers was honored by Mississippi Petroleum Committee with its Distinguished Service Award.

From 1961 to 1965, during a time when Mrs. Rodgers served for four

years as the organizer and first Director of The Village Department of Music, and while he remained in the employ of Pan American Petroleum Company, the Rodgers lived on The Village's Jackson campus. He was transferred back to Houston, Texas in mid-1965 by his employer, but he eventually surrendered to his continuing interest in Christian child care, by resigning to accept the post of home life director of the Jackson Campus of The Baptist Children's Village on July 1, 1970.

From July 1, 1970 to April 1, 1977, Rodgers supervised cottage and campus life, involving the direct administrative responsibility for 13 different cottages of children and for more than 200 people who live and work on the Jackson campus each day.

During this service, Rodgers attended classes offered by the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina in cooperation with Group

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## Becky Briscoe Is BMC Dean

Becky Briscoe has assumed duties this week as dean of students at Blue Mountain College.

For the past year she has been Academic consultant for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Miss Briscoe, who grew up in Oxford, is a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a master's degree in elementary education.

Prior to her work with the WMU, she taught fourth grade in the South Panola School District. She taught school for seven years.



Briscoe



Julie Reeves gives Bernard a playful pinch on the cheek.

## State's Only Puppet Therapist Helps Wipe Away The Tears

By Anne McWilliams

"Bernard, you are going to get a shot. You can cry if you want to, Bernard, but the important thing is to hold still while you are getting the shot."

A sick child in the pediatric wing on fifth floor is listening to every word of instruction given to Bernard, the puppet. Another day, Bernard may give some advice himself.

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson has become the first hospital in the state to employ a puppet therapist. Diana Chiles, who began work in that role this summer, said all hospitals are beginning to realize that children's emotional needs are as important as their physical needs, and to see that puppet therapy is a way of helping to meet their emotional needs.

"Many children have been taught to be scared of the doctor," she pointed out. "A parent may have threatened, 'If you don't eat the right food you will have to go to the doctor!'"

"The real mediator between the child and the doctor is Bernard," she said. "He tells the child that doctors are nice and he explains what happens in hospitals."

Nurses approve of Diana's therapy and cooperate with her. Most of them are too busy really to have time to reassure the children themselves. Ella Jackson, head nurse in Pediatrics, said that Diana's puppets, Bernard and Bunny, are a help because children will say things to them they won't say to a nurse. In that way they can learn what a child is actually thinking.

"And when the puppet tells the child to do something, the child will obey more quickly than for the nurse."

Just follow Diana around for an afternoon. She and Jacqueline Bostick, a nurse from Surgery, work as a team in visiting children newly admitted to the hospital. They stop in the room of three-year-old Roger. As fast as possible, in a way that he will best under-

stand, they want to give him some information.

Jacqueline says, "In the morning a nurse will come to take you to the operating room. The doctors there will have on a hat like this and a mask like this." She demonstrates.

Bernard comments on his own trip to the operating room: "They will let you smell some special air. You can have strawberry or orange or grape air."

The nurse continues, "Mommy can't go with you to the operating room, but when the doctor finishes the operation, somebody will call Mommy on the telephone and tell her all about you." Bernard chimes in, "Then they will take you to the wake-up room." He gives the boy a loving pat on the shoulder and says, "If they give you a shot you can cry if you want to, but the important thing is that you hold still."

As one mother said, "Diana is a very special person." Her rapport with children is so strong that her love seems to come right into the arm of Bernard as he pats or hugs the youngster.

Other parents commented, "I do feel the puppet routine is really a help, both to the child and to the parent, in understanding the ins and outs of hospital care. Also the puppets serve another good purpose—relieving some of the apprehension of both." "One thing that made this hospital experience extraordinary for my daughter was the puppet therapist."

Next Diana rolled Bernard and Bunny on their bed-on-wheels, into the room of Andrea McDowell, age six. Andrea had surgery several days ago and is on the way to recovery. Here a

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- Presentation of Resolutions  
Election of Officers  
2:25 Baptist Record Advisory Committee  
2:30 Special Feature ..... John P. Newport  
3:10 Congregational Praise ..... Bill Bacon  
3:15 Miscellaneous Business  
3:30 Convention in Worship  
Music ..... First Baptist Church, Clinton  
Convention Sermon ..... Bill Baker  
4:20 Benediction ..... Harris Counce

## Tuesday Evening

- 6:50 Musical Praise  
7:00 Call to Worship  
Congregational Praise ..... Donald Brown  
Scripture ..... Alton Yarborough  
Prayer ..... Dennis Johnsey  
7:10 Message in Song ..... Mrs. Charles Miles, FBC, Columbus  
7:20 Bible Treasure ..... Roy Myers  
7:35 Recognition of Missionaries  
Chaplain  
Home  
Foreign  
7:40 Congregational Praise ..... Donald Brown  
7:45 State Convention Program ..... Earl Kelly  
8:45 Benediction ..... Julius Thompson  
(Reception honoring Missionaries and Chaplains, Baptist Building immediately following evening session)

## Wednesday Morning

- 8:50 Musical Praise  
9:00 Call to Worship  
Congregational Praise ..... Ken Forbus  
Scripture ..... Tom Rayburn  
Prayer ..... Richard Davis  
9:10 Message in Song ..... Mrs. Harvey Kelly, Highland, Laurel  
9:20 Bible Treasure ..... Odean Puckett, FBC, Natchez  
9:35 Report of Committees  
Nominations  
Time, Place, Preacher  
9:45 Education Commission ..... Kermit McGregor  
10:25 Congregational Praise ..... Ken Forbus  
10:30 Mini-Sessions Preview ..... Chester Vaughn  
10:40 Business Session  
Report of Convention Board  
Adoption of Budget  
11:00 Message in Song ..... The William Carey College Chorale  
11:15 Sermon ..... Wendell Belew  
11:45 Benediction ..... Glen Byrd

## Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:50 Musical Moments  
2:00 Call to Worship  
Congregational Praise ..... John Burke  
Scripture ..... James Hess  
Invocation ..... James Webster  
2:10 Bible Treasure ..... Tom Hudson  
2:25 Message in Song ..... Tommy and Carol Sparkman, FBC, Terry  
2:35 Sermon ..... Charles Carter  
3:05 Benediction ..... J. T. Hannaford  
(Dismissal to Mini-Sessions)  
3:45 Mini-Sessions  
4:45 Adjourn

## Wednesday Night

- 6:50 Musical Moments  
7:00 Call to Worship  
Congregational Praise ..... Charles Red  
Scripture ..... Harry Lucenay  
Invocation ..... Marvin K. Lee  
7:10 Bible Treasure ..... Dr. James Travis  
Congregational Praise ..... Charles Red  
7:25 Message in Song ..... Mississippi Singing Churchmen  
7:45 Sermon ..... Jim Henry  
8:30 Benediction ..... William Stewart

## Thursday Morning

- 8:50 Musical Moments  
9:00 Call to Worship  
Congregational Praise ..... Dan Guest  
Scripture ..... Rex Yancey  
Invocation ..... Wayne Wilson  
9:10 Message in Song ..... Ladies' Ensemble, Alta Woods, Jackson  
9:20 Bible Treasure ..... Ed Gandy  
9:35 Miscellaneous Business and Reports  
Board of Ministerial Education  
9:55 Congregational Praise ..... Dan Guest  
10:00 Message ..... W. C. Fields  
10:00 American Bible Society  
10:40 Greetings from Sunday School Board  
10:45 Congregational Praise ..... Dan Guest  
10:50 Message in Song ..... Clarke College Choir  
11:00 Sermon ..... John Sullivan  
11:30 Benediction ..... Doug White  
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## Delta State BSU Holds 50th Anniversary Party

The Baptist Student Union of Delta State University observed its 50th anniversary on the university's homecoming day, October 13. Baptist Student Union was organized at Delta State on November 4, 1929. Miss Inez Harden, now Mrs. E. H. Bailey of Starkville, was elected the first President.

In observance of the 50th anniversary, the BSU held open house in its new Baptist Student Center at 903 S. Court Street, one-half block from the university campus.

During the open house a brief program in recognition of the 50th anniversary was presented. Tom Mercier, minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church, Cleveland, led the group in singing some of the hymns and other songs which have been in use during the past 50 years.

James Breland, director of Baptist student work at Delta State, gave a brief history of Baptist Student Union at Delta State from 1929 to the present. During its history the BSU has had 47 presidents, all but one of whom still survive; and contact has been made with all but five of these within the past six months.

The first director of Baptist student

work came in 1946. Serving as director since 1946 have been Riley Munday, Mrs. John Merrill, Jr., Roy Isbell, and the present director, James Breland.

From the Delta State BSU have come seven persons who are presently serving in Baptist student ministries. One of these, Ted Holt, serves as a Missionary Journeyman in student ministries in Mexico; and another, Lloyd Lunceford, is the associate in the department of student work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Following the presentation of the brief history of the BSU, Dwayne Sims sang "Spirit of B.S.U.," the song which was the "official" BSU song for many years. To conclude the 50th anniversary observance, Bill Bennett, social director on the BSU executive council led in prayer.

A surprise part of the program was the presentation of a large engraved silver tray to Breland by the students in recognition of his twenty-nine years of service as Director there.

A BSU alumni meeting was held immediately following the anniversary program. Plans were made to form a BSU Alumni group and officers were selected.

More than 90 students, alumni, parents and other friends were present.



Frances Spain is surrounded by new friends.



Donny Monk



James Scirratt



In a summer missions interview, Lloyd Lunceford, left, talks with Chris Smith, who served in East Malaysia, Jeff Keyes, who served in Taiwan, Cynthia Gardner, who served in Israel, and Susan Ratcliff, who served in Indonesia.

## Lobby Bills Viewed As Unacceptable

WASHINGTON (BP) — Churches accounting to government for their activities in order to enjoy religious freedom is unacceptable, a Baptist leader told a Senate committee here.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, told members of the Committee on Governmental Affairs that lobby disclosure legislation pending before it assumes that government has the right to monitor all political activity. "We view such an interpretation of governmental powers with alarm," Wood said.

"Accounting to government in the closest, most minute sort of way constitutes entanglement for the churches," Wood pointed out. "What is the compelling state interest in requiring churches to report their activities to government?"

Sen. Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., sponsor of S. 1564, one of the measures under consideration, responded that complete exemption of religious organizations could lead to attempts by such groups as the Unification Church or the Church of Scientology to become state religions. "This could mean a breakdown of separation between church and state," he said.

Wood expressed dismay over Chiles' remarks. "Government has no power to regulate religion," he said. "To suggest that government has the power to police or monitor any religion, whether old or new, is frightening. The premise that government has the right to a full accounting of churches is distressing. We view with alarm this appearance of government monitoring of all political activity."

In response to questioning from Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., Wood said that religious activity goes beyond rites and rituals. "Speaking out on human rights and social justice is just as integral to the religious mission of the church as eleven o'clock Sunday morning," Wood asserted.

## Flake Info Requested By Sunday School

Bryant Cummings of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School Department is asking for help in preparing for the 200th anniversary of the Sunday School.

On May 22, 1880, the Sunday School Department will hold a Raikes-Flake Commemoration in the Jackson City Auditorium.

Cummings wants information from people who have had personal contact with Arthur Flake or who have information on Flake's life and work.

Raikes is credited with beginning the first Sunday School in England. Flake was a Baptist promoter who developed the five-step formula for building a Sunday School. Flake married a Mississippi woman, Lena Nelson, and helped organize the Mississippi State Baptist Young People's Union Convention.

Those having information, write Cummings at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone (601) 354-3704.

New York (EP) — Favorite Old Testament stories ranging from Adam and Eve to Jonah and the Whale have been published in a new comic strip version especially designed for children.

## Baptist Agency Joins Fray In Worldwide Church Case

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a pair of developments in the controversy surrounding Herbert W. Armstrong's Worldwide Church of God, the U.S. Supreme Court has denied a request from the church's top legal official to avoid questioning by state authorities.

Meanwhile, the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee entered the case by asking the California Supreme Court to protect Armstrong himself from similar interrogation.

The Baptist Joint Committee, in a letter from its general counsel John W. Baker to the California court on Oct. 15, protested the efforts of state attorney general George Deukmejian to force Armstrong to submit to a deposition on grounds that "both the principle of religious liberty and the con-

stitutional doctrine of the separation of church and state are jeopardized" by such an order.

Under Deukmejian's order, the state of California last January placed the Worldwide Church in receivership. In such a proceeding, the state appoints a person ineffect to take over all business-related aspects of the church's operation. Under the unusual action, the state then proceeded to inspect all church documents and financial statements.

The action was taken from several former members of the Worldwide Church accused Armstrong and Stanley R. Rader, the church's attorney, of using funds for extensive travels and lavish entertainment rather than on church-related projects.

## Oklahoma Pastor, Wife Murdered In Home

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (BP) — A Southern Baptist pastor and his wife, Richard and Marilyn Douglass, were shot to death Oct. 15 at their rural home near Okarche, about 20 miles northwest of Oklahoma City.

Their two teenage children, Leslie and Brooks, were also shot, but are expected to recover. Leslie, 13, was shot in the upper torso and arm with two bullets from a handgun and Brooks, 16, was shot in the neck and the bullet nicked his heart.

Douglass, pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church, and his wife, Marilyn, were both shot in the head and killed.

Police have the identification of two suspects, both drifters with criminal records. The two had borrowed a car from an oil field worker and robbed the residents of a home in Hennessey, Okla., about 25 miles north of the Douglass residence. They locked that family in a closet, but left them unharmed.

The borrowed car has been found in a motel parking lot in Fort Smith, Ark., but the Douglass car, stolen at the time of the murders, is still missing.

The Douglass children, filling in the details of the incident, told police one of the men came to the door asking to use the telephone to locate a house in this rural area. He toyed with the telephone until a second intruder came through the front door with a shotgun. The first man broke the telephone cord and helped bind the whole family.

Leslie managed to get loose after the shootings and after the men left. She untied her brother and the two drove to a physician's home where the doctor notified authorities.

The Douglasses are former Southern Baptist missionaries to Equatorial Brazil. Appointed in 1968, they were language students in Campinas, 1969-70. From 1970 until their resignations in 1972, they did evangelistic work in Belem, Para, Brazil.

Douglass, 43, an Oklahoma native, was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He was pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Wyoming and Texas before missionary appointment.

## State BSU Meeting

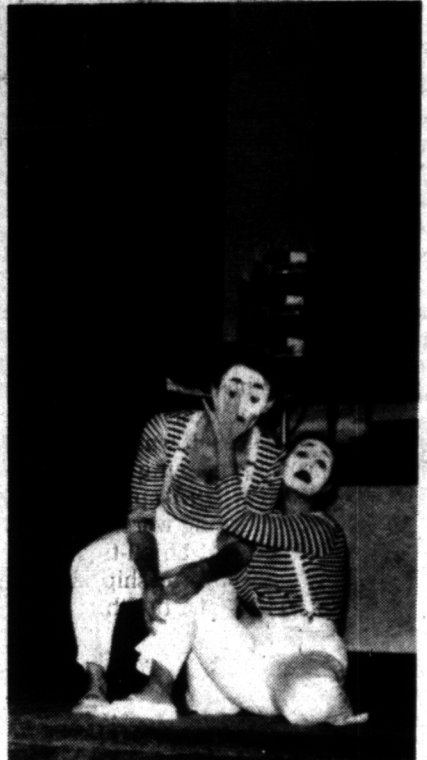
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ences between men and women. She said that she was "married to a man whose masculinity has never been threatened by letting me be me."

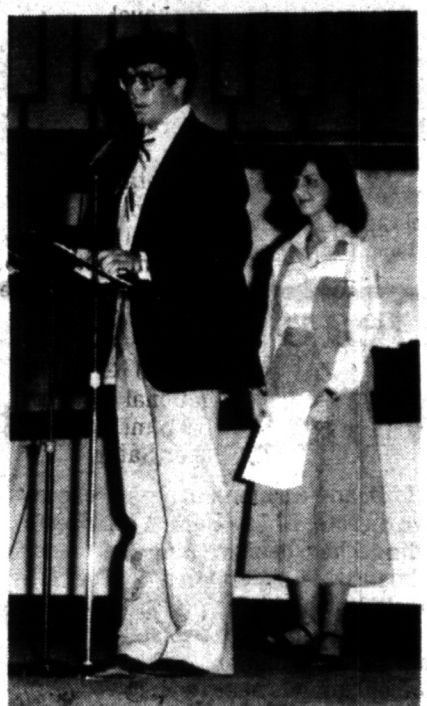
The only thing she'd march to Washington for would be for equal pay for equal work. She told of a bad experience she'd had in that realm.

A lively discussion took place between Mrs. Spain and the students on such issues as the wife's career no longer being secondary to the husband's, working mothers, and submission. "There are no pat answers," she told the students, "but ya'll have to face these questions more than I ever did."

She added that things haven't changed much over the years, "we are still filling roles — some of us want to and some don't."



The Humphreys silently tell story of Jesus healing the blind man.



State President Bill Branch introduces Dianne Pirkle of Blue Mountain College for a constitutional committee report.

## Unusual Gift

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served many churches as interim pastor.

A graduate of Mississippi College, he received the master's degree from Peabody College and was awarded a doctor of divinity from William Carey College. He attended New Orleans Seminary two years and did additional graduate work at the University of California and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Churches or groups interested in experiencing this inspired message should contact Allen Parnell, director of development and alumni affairs at Clarke College.

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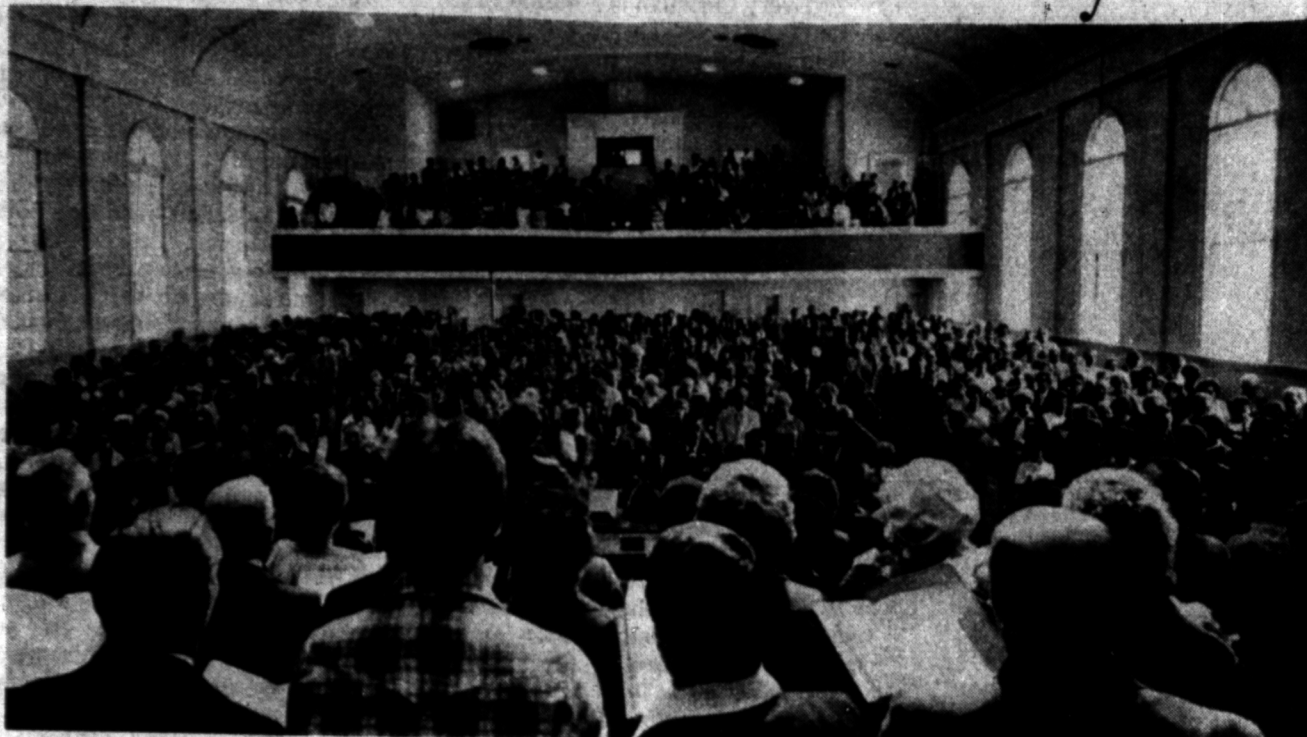
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## First, Crystal Springs Fills The Church's Clean Balcony!



(From The Meteor, Crystal Springs)

"Let's clean up the balcony. We're going to need it Sunday," directed L. Wayne McCullar, pastor of First Church, Crystal Springs. And he was right!

McCullar had set a goal for his church to have 777 people attending Sunday School on Oct. 14 — homecoming Sunday. As church members caught his enthusiasm and positive attitude, they too began working toward this goal. The result was a total of 943 in Bible study during the Sunday School hour — and approximately 1,240 in the morning worship service.

This number set an all-time record of attendance for a worship service at First Church — and the third largest

attendance in Sunday School in the history of the church. The highest attendance for Sunday School was set in 1951 on Easter Sunday when 1,017 were present.

Special guests sharing in this day were former pastors, Estus Mason, Joe T. Odle, and M. D. Morton, and their wives. These pastors shared with the congregation their memories of and reflections on their times of service and ministry in Crystal Springs.

Former ministers of music who directed congregational hymns and also presented special music were Herbert Batson and Tom Moak. Special music was presented by the Girls' Octette of 1944 under the direction of Mrs. Laverne Russum Laurier, who served

the church as minister of music in 1944.

McCullar spoke on "Return to the Crystal Springs," giving a brief history of the origin of the town and its name. As he spoke of the crystal springs being the determining factor in the town's location, he compared Christ's redeeming grace and love and each individual's acceptance of this grace as the determining factor in eternal salvation. Christ is "the fountain of living waters" (Jer. 2:13).

After the morning service, there was a fellowship time, dinner on the ground, and a program of old-fashioned singing.

(The Sunday School attendance earlier this year was averaging 450. In the period leading up to this special day it had grown to 500. A high goal of 777 was set in the hope of reaching this with the help of visitors. Of the 943 attending, 804 were members of the church.)

## HMB Promotes Staffer Lockwood, Approves Missions Appointments

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board named Quentin Lockwood to direct the board's department of rural-urban missions and approved 37 other persons for mission service during the board's fall meeting.

Lockwood, a home missionary since 1961, will supervise Home Mission Board work with rural churches and churches in cities with populations under 50,000 persons.

He has been pastor of churches in Kentucky and Georgia and served as a director of missions in Nebraska, 1961-68. He was named assistant secretary of the board's pioneer missions department in 1968, and became associate director of church extension in 1971.

Lockwood is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Among those approved for missions were two missionaries, four missionary associates and 31 persons who will receive pastoral aid.

In addition, the HMB approved a 1980 budget which reflects only a 4.5 percent increase over the previous year has been approved by directors during their fall meeting.

While the \$33,827,457 budget is a record amount for the Home Mission Board, the rate of increase will not keep pace with skyrocketing inflation, says Leonard Irwin, planning section director.

"Because of a limitation of funds, we are not able to increase the budget up to the projected rate of inflation — predicted to be in the double digits," Irwin said. "This places added responsibility on us to spend the money more efficiently."

"One of our major missions guidelines is 'people, not buildings.' Therefore, we are giving primary attention to those ministries which will reach the most people for Christ."

The tight economy places an added importance on the 1980 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions if such ministries are to be expanded, Irwin said.

"The limited number of new projects we will be able to start in 1980 will be funded by money we will receive in addition to the budgeted offering amount," he said.

Currently, the 1979 Annie Armstrong

Offering has brought in \$13,917,703, the largest amount ever given to a home missions agency of any denomination in the United States, reported William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer.

"The offering has reached 92.78 percent of its goal of \$15 million and although we don't expect to reach that goal, the offering is \$1,645,000 above this time last year," Tanner said.

## Clarke Objects To TV Movie

The Clarke County Association in its 62nd annual meeting passed a resolution on immorality in television programming. The resolution follows, in part:

"The people of our county are significantly affected by television and television programming continues to decline in quality and moral tone. Specifically, the CBS television network through its local affiliate, WTKO-TV in Meridian, has recently aired, in prime time, the movie, 'Flesh and Blood.' We believe the showing of this movie, with its despicable theme of incest, to be further evidence of the moral bankruptcy of the television industry and reveals a blatant disregard for the moral and spiritual sensitivities of people all across our nation."

"Whereas we believe this act to be a direct and deliberate attack against the sacredness of the family; therefore, be it resolved that we, the messengers of the Clarke County Baptist Association of Mississippi, express our dismay, disgust, and disappointment at the showing of this film and, in the name of human decency, appeal to the management of the CBS television network and WTKO-TV to use their influence in seeking to reverse the established trend in immoral television programming."

Resolution Committee members were Arlis Nichols, chairman, Chuck McClure, and Bobby Walker.

New York (EP) — Christian comic books published by the Fleming H. Revell Company have been selected as an aid to proselytism by officials of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. In many cases, Jewish youngsters "have been easily deceived by these comics, not knowing their true intent," according to Seymour Lachman, chairman of the Council's Task Force on Missionary Activity.

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### Mississippi Baptist Activities

- Oct. 29-30 New Church Training Directors' Conference, 7:00 p.m. (CT)  
29—FBC, Baldwin/North Batesville, FBC, Kosciusko/Easthaven, Brookhaven/Petal Harvey, Hattiesburg  
30—Immanuel, Columbus/Drew Church, Drew/Calvary, Jackson/Oakland Heights, Meridian/Belaire, Gulfport
- Oct. 29 Area Secretaries' Conference, FBC, Starkville, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CA-PM)
- Oct. 30 Area Secretaries' Conference, Immanuel Church, Cleveland, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Area Secretaries' Conference, FBC, Vicksburg, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 1-2 Vocal-Choral Spiritual Growth Clinic, Baptist Building, Jackson, 9:00 a.m.-1st-6:30 p.m., 2nd (Church Music)  
Area Secretaries' Conference, West Elmville Church, Elmville, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Nov. 2-3 Interpreters Workshop, Baptist Building, Jackson, 7 p.m., 2nd-3:00 p.m. 3rd (CoMi)
- Nov. 2-4 International Student Conference, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 7:00 p.m., 2nd-Noon, 4th (Student Work)
- Nov. 3 GA Super Saturday, FBC, Gulfport, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (WMU)

## Deane Rodgers To Head Village's Northern Work

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Child Care Consultants Services for two summers and was awarded a Certificate in Child Care Supervision. He has also received further training in group child care from the University of Texas in Austin. On April 1, 1977, Rodgers was elevated to the position of assistant executive director of The Baptist Children's Village, a title which he will retain in his new assignment.

In his announcement, Nunnery explained that the responsibility for "North Mississippi" assumed by Rodgers includes all Village concerns and affairs northerly of the line prescribed by United States Highway No. 82, which enters the state near Greenville, Mississippi on the West and extends through Greenwood, Winona and Starkville to Columbus, on the East. The announcement pointed out that the area included The Village's New

Albany home, as well as the Farrow Manor Campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers are the parents of two children, Dale Rodgers of Eagle Nest, New Mexico and Mrs. John (Becky) Comstock of Houston, Texas, and they have two grandchildren. They have been active members of First Baptist Church in Jackson, where Mrs. Rodgers has been involved with both choirs and piano instruction. The appointment is effective immediately, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers are in the process of moving their residence from The Village's Jackson Campus to the Tate County Campus.

The Baptist Children's Village is an official agency of Mississippi Baptist Convention. It operates campuses in Hinds County, near Jackson and a group home in New Albany, along with foster homes throughout Mississippi, in addition to the Farrow Manor Campus, near Independence.

## China To Get New Bibles Written In New Lingo

HONG KONG (EP) — A New Bible For A New China has come off the press this month, having taken 11 years to produce. According to Paul E. Kauffman, Founder-President of Asian Outreach, the publisher, considering the size of the potential readership alone, this project has been referred to as "the most significant Christian literature project in half a century."

Asian Outreach, a Hong Kong based Christian communications ministry comprised mainly of Asians, has produced the Bible in an entirely new

translation, using the Simplified Script which is the only written form of the language in use in China today.

China's efforts to simplify her complicated written language took place during her 30 years of self-imposed isolation and was geared to raise the rate of literacy and generally speed up the course of education and communication. The Communists put full efforts to it and nearly wiped out illiteracy within a few decades. The result is that all Chinese youth under the age of 30 are able to read only the new Simplified Script.

## MBMC Sets Swor, Bilbo For Religious Emphasis

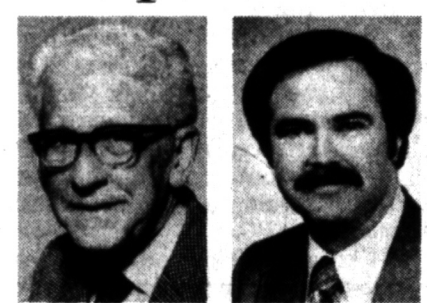
Chester Swor and Jimmy Bilbo have been slated as the featured speaker and music coordinator for Religious Emphasis Week scheduled at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center Nov. 5-9.

Swor, author and speaker, will talk to MBMC students and employees at four programs scheduled at the hospital on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 5 and 6.

This will be the first time Religious Emphasis Week will be observed and attended by MBMC employees, as well as the students, according to Kathy Bearden, Baptist Student Union director. The week's programs sponsored by the BSU representatives were in the past usually attended only by MBMC students completing their clinical work.

"But this year the students recognized how well known and loved Chester Swor is to everyone and felt the employees would also enjoy Dr. Swor and the musical presentations," Miss Bearden said.

The special music presentations, coordinated by Jimmy Bilbo, minister of music at Midway Church in Jackson, will feature several students from



Swor

Bilbo

MBMC singing both traditional and contemporary Christian arrangements.

A retreat will be held for all MBMC students on Monday, Oct. 29 at Rice Acres, to help prepare for Religious Emphasis Week, Miss Bearden said. Included at the retreat will be a sing-along, cookout, bonfire and testimonial sharing. Scripture passages, with a special prayer request concerning the week's special programs, will be given to each student the week of Oct. 29.

This year's activities will be coordinated by Marsha Hardin, a second year radiology student and chairman of the Religious Emphasis Week planning committee.

## Church Training Training Meets Set

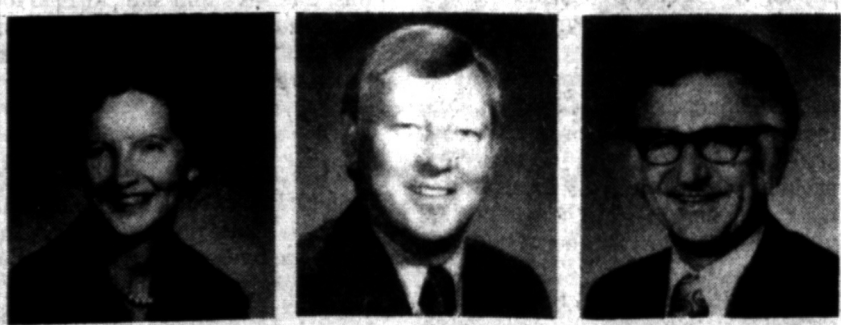
Ten pastor-new Church Training director conferences are set for Oct. 29 and 30 in ten Mississippi cities.

All begin at 7 p.m., and all include orientation on duties, new materials, calendar planning, goals and emphases for the year.

The Oct. 29 meetings are at Baldwin, First Baptist Church, Kermit King (director of the Mississippi Baptist Church Training Department); Batesville, North Batesville Baptist Church, Vernon Cole (director of Ken-

tucky Church Training Department); Kosciusko, First Baptist Church, Norman Rodgers (consultant, Mississippi CT department); Brookhaven, Easthaven Baptist Church, Ken Mooney (director of Louisiana CT department); and Hattiesburg, Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, Jim Cartwright (Consultant, CT department, Sunday School Board).

The Oct. 30 meetings and leaders are Columbus, Immanuel Baptist Church, Vernon Cole; Drew Baptist Church, Norman Rodgers; Jackson, Calvary Baptist Church, Jim Cartwright; Meridian, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kermit King; and Gulfport, Bel Aire Baptist Church, Ken Mooney.



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### Last Call To Librarians

The Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization Workshop will be Oct. 26-27 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Workshop leaders will include Jacquelyn Anderson, and James Rose, consultants, Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Keith Mee, program and field services section, Church Library Department, Sunday School Board; and Jackie Payne, Jackson, specialist with the Mississippi Library Commission.

Velma Daniels, Florida author, columnist, and television personality will speak at the banquet on Friday evening.

Lee Poquette, new music assistant and media director at First Church, Jackson, will lead the worship experiences during the workshop.

Registration will begin Friday at 11 a.m., and the Friday afternoon general session will begin at 1 p.m. The meeting will close Saturday at noon.

For further information, contact Larry Salter, consultant, Baptist Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## David Relief

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Godfrey said the first work team is using supplies bought by the Mennonites.

Brotherhood departments in eight other state Baptist conventions — Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina and Georgia — are committed to send teams over a 12-week period. The teams, made up of 10 to 12 men skilled in construction, will pay their own travel expenses to and from the work sites and their living expenses during the seven to 14 day work stint there.

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## Editorials

### Religious Freedom . . .

## It must be complete

Bills are now before the U.S. Senate that would establish the responsibility of the federal government in monitoring the political activity of religious groups. These bills would make churches responsible for reporting their political activities in order to maintain their religious freedom.

One such bill is S. 1564, detailed on Page 2 of this issue. It is a bill by Sen. Lawton Chiles of Florida.

This is the sort of religious control that is to be found in Russia.

The Russians claim they have religious freedom there, but we all know such is not the case. The churches there, in order to be able to function openly, must register with the government. With registration comes

specific controls. The churches which refuse to adhere to such registration and refuse to accept the controls are not allowed to hold services or carry on activities of any kind. Of course they do hold services and carry out activities secretly. This caused the imprisonment of Georgi Vins and many others.

Of course the Russian situation is greatly exaggerated when compared with our own. The principle is the same, however.

We all are familiar with how government bureaucrats are given areas of service in which to function and how they pretty generally make up their own interpretations of how to carry out their duties. If the lobby disclosure

concept of this bill becomes law, we will see that sort of thing going on in the realm of church activities. The government has no discrimination as to hiring, and bureaucracy chiefs with little sympathy and no understanding of the circumstances of a particular religious group could be ruling on the group's activities and affairs.

The reason given for needing some one of these bills is that it would weed out the religious groups that are not bona fide churches. We cannot afford to have religious groups weeded out, however. To have religious freedom we must grant the freedom for everybody to worship as they please, perverted as that may be.

The way to change their worship

habits is not by a governmental decree that would do away with their religion but to provide such an effective witness to them that their religious concepts would be changed.

Surely the gospel of Christ is more effective than governmental orders. The problem is not in the lack of understanding of that principle of effectiveness but in the application of it. Our witness is not measuring up. Witnessing is not the responsibility of the pastor alone. The burden is much more on the shoulders of the lay people, for there are so many more. If every Southern Baptist won only one person a year, before many years all of the United States would be Southern Baptist.

### Guest Opinion

## Harvest in the Lord's vineyard

By W. Levon Moore

It was early in October, and patches of red and yellow were just beginning to appear on the dark green maples which lined the streets of the town. The crisp chill of the early morning indicated that frost would soon be on the way.

As we left the town and drove down one of the straight asphalt highways which criss-cross Central Indiana, we found ourselves surrounded by Indiana's number one agriculture crop — corn. Acre after acre; mile after mile, there was corn.

On every stalk big ears, displaying clusters of yellow grains at the end of the ears, leaned away from the stalks awaiting the huge combine which would soon come for the harvest.

In a few large fields we saw great combines harvesting another important crop — soybeans. Everything within sight spoke of one thing — harvest.

As we rode through this vital part of the nation's bread-basket, one recurring theme kept racing through my

mind — It's harvest time in Indiana.

But in those moments, the agricultural harvest was for me dramatically symbolic. For, you see, the missionary with whom I was riding had just reminded me that the county through which we had just passed has a population of over 80,000 people; and that in that county there are only two Southern Baptist Churches with a combined resident membership of just over 600.

He also shared with me the fact that in the fourteen-county area where he serves as Director of Missions for two associations there is a population of more than 800,000 people. In this area are only thirty Southern Baptist Churches and Missions with a total resident membership of approximately 3,800.

As I reflected on the fact that in my one-county area association in Mississippi there are thirty-two churches for less than 20,000 people. I was overwhelmed with the realization that while we have one church for approximately 625 people, in his two associations there is one Southern Baptist

Church or Mission for each 26,600 people.

One town in which I spoke during the World Missions Conference which brought me to Indiana for a week has over 40,000 people and one Southern Baptist Church. My missionary host and I drove through one beautiful town of 15,000 people where there is no Southern Baptist Church or Mission.

The staggering disproportion in ratio of number of people to number of churches brought an almost oppressive sense of guilt. I could not refrain from thinking of the large number of pastors in Mississippi and other deep-south states who work all year and at the end of the year sadly confess, "We didn't have any baptisms because we have few if any prospects on our church list."

I thought about the many churches in my state with several hundred members and million dollar church structures who sometime baptize less than a dozen people in a year. This made me uncomfortable when the pastor of a small church which reported a

membership of 166 last year said, "In the past year we have baptized 100."

As I went from church to church across Central Indiana I looked at miles and miles of straight stalks of corn laden with rich golden grain, and I remembered the words of Jesus who long ago said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest."

I also recalled that our Lord admonished his disciples, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. For the harvest truly is plenteous and the laborers are few."

The Lord has been gracious to allow me to visit and witness again in a great and beautiful state, and to be challenged by the observation that it is indeed harvest time in Indiana.

(Moore, Director of Missions in Atlanta County Mississippi, prepared this statement while serving in a World Missions Conference in Miami and Wabash Valley Associations in Indiana during October, 1979.)

## Letters To The Editor

### A Letter of Sadness

Editor:

I am writing this letter to all Mississippi Baptists. I am concerned about my church.

We just "ran-off" our pastor again and I don't know if our church can stand it. The last pastor we had was also forced to leave. I just don't know why our church is like it is. I wish all our brothers and sisters in our sister churches would take us to prayer.

I realize we live in an age of indifference and compromise and it is a time turning from God to the world. But, church people don't seem to care anymore. I know they don't if they did our pastor would still be here and his family wouldn't be out in the cold with no income or church to go to.

It would be different if our pastor had done something wrong or had caused the problem himself. We are the problem, not him. We have always been the problem. Our pastors never stay long because we won't let him. Here was a young man in his first church, with a big responsibility and he filled the shoes well. He came to our

church with a burden, and he preached God's word. His life was beyond reproach and his ways were loving and kind. It is a shame we didn't accept him or his lovely wife. It is a shame because one day he will make some church the best pastor they ever had.

I wish that other churches would pray for him, and for us. It must be a day of reckoning among the members of our church. I don't believe our church can survive the loss of another one of God's men. Already I can see the Lord showing us our mistake. Please pray for us that we wake up before it is too late for us and our children.

Name Withheld by Request

### Needs in Taiwan

Editor:

As Mississippi Baptists approach the time of the year when thoughts turn to Lottie Moon and Foreign Missions, I have a burden on my heart I want to share with you.

This summer at our annual mission meeting, one of our speakers was Pastor Chen Yi-shin, the executive-secretary of the Chinese Baptist Convention. During a question-answer period following his talk, he was asked how the Chinese here in Taiwan felt about the number of missionaries we Baptists have here; are there too few, too many, or just the right number?

He began his response by reminding us that the Chinese Baptist Convention has recently seen the need for more active evangelism in Taiwan and has set a goal of establishing 10 new chapels and 50 new home Bible studies this year. He said, "I think the missionaries will be helping us and leading us in this task. Right now I wish we had more missionaries. I can see that right now we could use a minimum of 14 Mandarin evangelists, 18 Taiwanese evangelists, 3 Hakka evangelists, 2 mountain evangelists, and 13 student workers." That is a total of 40 new missionaries.

It is true that we need the money that comes from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to finance the building of new churches, to give aid to existing churches, to purchase equipment to be used in presenting the gospel, to build missionary homes, and for many other uses. It is also true that we need your prayers. For without your prayers, we

are extremely limited. Your prayers give us power.

But we also need more missionaries to come as evangelists. We need men and women willing to hear the call of God and be brave enough to ask themselves the question, "Is it possible that my contribution to Bold Mission Thrust should be to go as a foreign missionary?"

I know only God can call someone into mission service. And I know only God can send a person to another part of the world to work for Him. But I also know God used this question in my life to prompt me to apply to the Foreign Mission Board. Perhaps He will do the same for others.

Rob Sugg  
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Tainan, 700 Taiwan

Rob and Nan Sugg are Mississippians appointed to Taiwan in 1977. He was pastor of Fellowship Church, Bellefontaine. He is a general evangelist.

— Editor

### Thanks from Pascagoula

Editor:

I would like to use this means to thank the many people who did kind and thoughtful things for me and my family during the time of Hurricane Frederic. We were among the "8,000 to whom meals were served" by the Baptist Brotherhood disaster relief on Saturday after the storm and, believe me, it was so welcome! Our home was completely destroyed, and we were working (with the help of friends) trying to get out what few things might be saved. At a time like that, one doesn't think of food until suddenly one feels famished. We went to the Civic Center and were served a hot meal by the kind, loving, and understanding people there. I am not of the Baptist faith, but this was certainly a Christian gesture that I will always remember and one that showed no denominational boundaries.

I understand there was bad conduct on the part of some of the people, but I hope these "angels of mercy" will not judge everyone in Pascagoula by the actions of a few. These people working with the Baptist Brotherhood Disaster Relief did a great job and one that certainly was needed at the time. I want

them to know how very much I appreciate what they did for us.

You know, life goes on and houses are built back, trees grow back, debris is cleaned up, furniture is replaced; but the many kindnesses are never forgotten. Sometimes, we feel that others are getting the public recognition for deeds while we are getting none; but God knows our intentions and, after all, He is the one who counts in the end.

I hope and pray that I will have the strength to pick up and come back a much better and stronger person than I was before this disaster. It is the "hard times" that give us the character and faith in God of which life is really made. It is people like the Mississippi Baptist disaster unit volunteers who help get us started. Please join with me in making Pascagoula a more beautiful and better place to live.

Jerry Griffin  
Pascagoula

Rusty Griffin, consultant in the Brotherhood Department, was the coordinator of the disaster relief effort. Volunteers were Dan West, director of Central Hills Baptist Retreat, also a Brotherhood staffer; Eugene Dobbs, pastor of First Church, Philadelphia; Jimmy Smith, director of activities for Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Omega Shamblin, Vicksburg layman; Sammy Platt, Columbus layman; Elmo Bounds, Houston layman; Doug Day, minister of activities at First, Starkville; and James Smith of Tupelo, a staff member with Agricultural Missions Foundation.

Others from the Pascagoula area helped in serving the food. — Editor

We grow great by dreams. All big men are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them, nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which come always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true. — Woodrow Wilson

## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### "Every Christian Is A Missionary"

"Every Christian is a missionary," Lou Ann Lee said to the Baptist Women at Garaywa the night of Oct. 12. "I didn't mind being called a PK, or a pastor's wife, but I don't like being called a missionary, in the sense that I am different." (She's a missionary to France). "That is a designation I think applies to every Christian."

Laura Fry, the Home Mission Board's national evangelism consultant for women, said later in the evening, "The Lord has put me in a mission field right here in the United States, wherever I happen to be day by day."

"The Holy Spirit works to direct me, and works in the heart of the unbeliever to want to hear what I have to say about Christ. Then He brings the two of us together." She continued, "If we spend all our time with other Christians, then we don't have opportunities to witness to unbelievers. We need to cultivate friendships with others around us who are not Christian believers."

"We can't win people to Christ by ourselves, but we can be available for God to use us to win them. If we touch people and let them touch us, He will win them through us."

I was reminded of an incident in Brazil last fall.

David Gomes, Brazilian Baptist preacher, is the most enthusiastic Christian witness I have ever known. He and his wife Haydee and I drove to Petropolis, a picturesque resort city in the mountains north of Rio. During a terrific rainstorm we stopped to eat lunch in an outdoor cafe beside the river that divides the town. An awning sheltered us from the rain, and most of the wind, but I was still so cold I was shivering. I decided to go to the car to get my coat; Haydee went with me to unlock the door while I held the umbrella.

Two lovely young girls were sitting at the table next to ours, each with a glass of beer. While Haydee and I were gone, David opened a conversation with the girl nearest him.

"How does that beer taste? Is it good?"

"You never drank any?"

"No. I am a missionary." (He formerly was executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of Brazil. Also he believes, as Lou Ann, that all Christians are missionaries.)

At that moment she spied a Bible School of the Air pin on his lapel and asked what it stood for. He told her that he answers questions about the Bible on radio.

Her curiosity aroused, she began asking questions herself. Haydee joined in and began to answer some of them, too. All three were talking Portuguese, but I knew, without asking, the conversational topic, for I had a feeling that the Holy Spirit was present with us in that small restaurant.

After we finished our lunch Haydee and I said goodbye to the girls and returned to the van, but David remained. In a few moments he joined us, so happy he could not stop repeating, "She accepted Jesus! The girl accepted Jesus! I asked her if she would accept Him, and she said yes she wanted to, but she didn't know how. I took her hand and prayed with her. She was trembling. She asked God to forgive her sins, and she surrendered her heart to Jesus! I gave her the name of the Baptist pastor here, and she said she will go to see him."

"Oh, God meant that we should stop here, and that you should go to the car to get your coat, so I could have a moment to speak to her. Otherwise, I might not have opened the conversation." And I could not but agree.

The best book I've read lately on the subject of evangelism as a way of life is *Out of the Salt Shaker and Into the World* by Rebecca Manley Pippert. Mrs. Pippert tells stories from her own experiences, similar to those that Laura Fry so excitingly relates.

She says she believes much of our evangelism is ineffective because we depend too much on technique, and is convinced we must look at Jesus as a model for what to believe and how to reach out to others. "The way we communicate a message of good news," she writes, "should be as marvelous as the message itself."

## Book Reviews

**NEED A MIRACLE?** by Harold Bredeben with James Scheer (Fleming Revell, \$3.95, paper, 160 pp.).

There is an unsatisfied hunger for living proof that Jesus is performing miracles today, just as 2,000 years ago. *NEED A MIRACLE?* presents case after case of miracles in areas of need, such as bad habits and addictions, potential suicide, financial disasters, dangers of big city living, and "incurable" physical ailments. Bredeben is a founding board member of the Christian Broadcasting Network, sponsor of the "700 Club." He says, "The greatest miracle of all is available to you, merely for the asking — a personal relationship with the Creator of it all."

**WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE HUMAN RACE?** by Francis A. Schaeffer and C. Everett Koop (Fleming H. Revell, 256 pp., \$13.95; \$11.95 until Dec. 31, 1979).

Schaeffer, a leading Christian thinker, and Everett Koop, renowned pediatric surgeon, analyze the widespread implications and frightening loss of human rights brought on by today's practices of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. They challenge the reader to affirm the intrinsic value of human life because people are created in the image of God, and urge the reader to fight against the increasing, subtle loss of human rights. The book is based on the script of a five-episode color motion picture.

**BY THEIR BLOOD** by James and Marti Hefley (Mott Media, paper, 636 pp., \$7.95).

Stories and historical record of "Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century." Not all Christian martyrs have lived in past ages, for many have suffered and died for Christ in this modern day. The authors have researched the records in countries around the world and present an amazing report on Christian heroes of this very hour. Several Southern Baptists, including Bill Wallace of China, and Mavis Pate of the Gaza Strip, are included. This is a startling revelation of the price that modern missionaries, and other Christians, in many parts of the world, are paying for their Christian witness.

**HAROLD E. HUGHES**, The Man from Ida Grove, by Harold E. Hughes with Dick Schneider, (Chosen, 346 pp., \$10.95).

The amazing story of a man who rose from farm boy, truck driver, and alcoholic, to become three times Governor of Iowa, and then a United States Senator. He now has left the Senate to give his life to full time Christian lay witness. The thrilling story of what the grace of God can do in the life of a man. Harold Hughes was contemplating suicide when the Lord arrested him, turned his life about, and started him on the path of the new life in Christ.

**AHAZ** by Constance Head (Broadman, 264 pp.).

This is a biblical novel based on the story of Ahab, king of Judah, in 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Isaiah. It is a love story, and also a story of war, intrigue, and tragedy. It begins with Ahab as a young boy who learns that his grandfather, King Uzziah, has leprosy. It ends with the death of Ahab and the beginning of the reign of his son, Hezekiah. Abijah, the wife he loves, continually urges him to worship the true God, Yahweh, while the evil priest, Ushna, urges him to worship the god Molech. The author, professor of history and religion at Western Carolina University, based her novel — which is colorful and well-written — on the biblical narratives, plus extensive research of archaeological evidence and ancient traditions. She says that she came to love this misguided king of long ago and hopes that her readers will feel compassionate empathy for him, too.

**A WIDE PLACE FOR MY STEPS** by Elizabeth Rockwood (Word Books, 123 pp., \$6.95).

Does prayer change anything in the lives of those for whom we pray? Has prayer changed anything in my life? Mrs. Rockwood answers from her own daily adventures of living in prayer with God. In this sensitive, yet practical, book she gives "pegs to hang prayers on" — how to find time for prayer, how to get started talking to God, how to express ourselves honestly and organize our thoughts, how to grow toward living in an attitude of continuous prayer.

**GOD SPEAKS TODAY** by Jerry Vines (Zondervan, 272 pp., \$7.95).

A series of expository sermons on I Corinthians, by the pastor of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile. He says that Paul in this book deals with problems which confront the churches of today. The 33 messages in the book are clear in interpretation, apt in application and rich in illustration.

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# Calvary Is Home Base For Artist-In-Residence, Chuck Endsley

By Don McGregor

Charles E. (Chuck) Endsley, organist at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, probably has the only position of his sort in the Southern Baptist Convention, according to W. J. Reynolds, secretary for the Church Music Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Department. His position is that of artist-in-

residence, a position designed by the pastor, Joe Tuten. He was called by the church to be a Christian concert performer, to perform in concerts all over the nation. The concept is that he will have a home base with the church so that he can get into in-depth composing, arranging, and concert appearances.

At the church his responsibilities are as church organist and accompanist. He also does composing and arranging with Triune Music Company in Nashville, the company headed by Berl Red. Locally, he teaches organ and voice primarily, though he is av-

ailable for teaching other aspects of music.

An organ concert at Calvary on Nov. 1 by Endsley will be in connection with his studies at William Carey College toward a degree of master of music in organ. He is to receive the degree in May, 1980.

The academic organ recital will begin at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Calvary. There will be three numbers: Prelude and Fugue in D Major by J. S. Bach, Finale in B Flat by Franck, and three movements from Symphonie N. 1 by Vienne.

The concert will be 40 to 45 minutes in length. The instrument at Calvary is

a 59 rank Moller pipe organ built in 1940.

While most of his work away from the church is in a solo capacity, he does some accompanying. He is an accompanist for Martha Branham, soloist for First Baptist Church, Dallas, who will be at the Smith County Association Mid-Winter Bible Conference in 1980. Endsley was the accompanist for the First Church, Dallas, choir on a European tour for three weeks last year. The choir sang in Paris, Vienna, Germany, and London.

He was guest artist during music week at Ridgecrest and presented a concert on Sunday evening. He was

also guest artist during Home Mission week. A recording was released about a month ago.

Another album is scheduled to be produced in New York City in January by Red for release late in 1980.

He received his bachelor's degree in organ in 1978 at William Carey College. He has been at Calvary for 3 1/2 years.

Tuten said, "We are pleased to have a person with a talent such as Chuck's on our staff at Calvary. We feel we are contributing also to his broader ministry of concerts, composing, and arranging." Tuten added that Endsley is

dedicated to the concept of the local church ministry and sees his role as primarily a local church musician. He added that this is well illustrated by Endsley's regular participation in the church's outreach visitation program.

Reynolds said, "Chuck is a very talented boy. I am very pleased with his progress. He has a fine spirit." Reynolds mentioned Endsley's piano and organ performances at Ridgecrest. Of the organ concert following a session, Reynolds said the crowd would have stayed until midnight listening to Chuck play.



Andrea McDowell, at left, just-pretend doctor, gives oxygen to Bernard as the puppet therapist watches. At right, Bernard has a loving chat with the doctor.



## State's Only Puppet Therapist Helps Wipe Away The Tears



Buddy Bailey, Jackson fireman, Diana Chiles, puppet therapist, and Roger, the puppet fireman, present a T-shirt to hospital patient Irene Allen. The T-shirt, given during Fire Prevention Week, said, "Learn Not to Burn."



Diana and the puppet Bunny comfort Donald Ard, who had been attacked by a dog.

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medical play is staged as Andrea and her mother don doctors' hats and masks and jackets, and prepare to "operate" on Bernard. "Doctor" Andrea gives Bernard a shot, and then holds the oxygen tube to his face. Any number of participants — father, mother, friends, patient — may take part in such medical plays, and the imaginative hospital scenes are liable to be varied.

A medical play was acted out before Andrea's surgery, too. Her mother said it helped Andrea, as well as her mother and father, to know what to expect. When the light came on in early morning for Andrea to go to the operating room, and she was given a shot, she said, "Well, I guess I go breathe the strawberry air now."

Next Diana proceeds to the room of Julia Reeves, who shouts with delight to see her old friend, Bernard, and gives him a big hug. This is her second visit to the hospital. Though she had unpleasant, painful tests before, her hospital experience remained a pleasant memory on account of the puppets. She had first seen Diana's picture in the Clarion-Ledger with her puppets and was elated to meet them in person.

In late afternoon, Diana gives a show, "just for fun" at the puppet theater in the play room on fifth floor. It's Fire Prevention Week, so Buddy Bailey, a Jackson fireman, has come to help a fireman puppet teach, "Don't play with matches, and if your clothes catch fire, roll yourself on the ground to put out the flames."

Her hometown is Memphis, but Diana Chiles first got interested in puppetry when she was at Mississippi College, where she majored in drama and earned both B. A. and Master of Education degrees. Her drama professors in 1971, Hollis and Julia Todd, seeing her skill with puppets, advised her to become a professional puppeteer, but she didn't exactly know then how she could manage that.

This year she got an M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Between college and seminary she taught school. In both teaching and church work, she saw that children responded to her puppets much better than to her own words.

During a Texas State Teachers Conference in Houston, in which she was one of the main speakers, a hospital chaplain, also on program, suggested to her the need for puppet therapy in hospitals. This started her thinking along that line.

At Southwestern she took courses in child psychology, counseling, and child care; she wrote a paper on puppets' role in the healing of emotional ills.

A member of the Association for Care of Children in Hospitals, she recently attended a national meeting. "A lot of new things are coming soon in this area," she said.

Lynn Culpepper, Staff Development, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, had been working at least a year toward getting a pre-admission program for children approved. Then Diana applied just at the right time to begin the program.

Every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Children's Playroom, Lobby Area, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Diana and the puppets present a program preparing children and their families for surgery. For more information about this, call 968-1210 between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Bye, Bernard."

"Bye. I love you."



Horace Dale Warren, engineer, built a combination cabinet-bed which Diana can wheel from room to room. It holds the puppets and everything else from smelling salts to stethoscope. Edith Oliver and Bertha Davis, sewing ladies on the staff, made the sheets, ruffled pillow case, and doctors' outfits. Warren also built the puppet theater which Howard David Cullin and James L. Branch painted.

Lansing, Mich. (EP) — Temperance groups have now joined forces with beer wholesalers in opposing relax rules for advertising of beer prices. The temperance advocates are concerned that drinking will increase if advertising of prices is allowed.

## Mrs. Bob Compere Dies Unexpectedly At Ridgecrest

Mrs. Robert Lee (Ruby Dale) Compere died Thursday morning, Oct. 18, at Ridgecrest, N. C. She died of an apparent heart attack, as she climbed a flight of stairs.

Services were Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. at Briar Hill Baptist Church, Rankin County.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Lee Compere of Florence; three sons, Rev. Robert Lee Compere, Jr. of Kansas City, Kan.; Rev. William Arthur Compere of Byram; Rev. Reuben Dale Compere of Brent, Ala.; four daughters, Mrs. Gwen Stewart of Florence, Mrs. Ruby Jackson of Belle, Mo.; Mrs. Jackie Green of Montgomery, Ala. and Mrs. Jo Ann Kennedy of Noxapater; one brother, William L. Cooper, a retired missionary to Argentina, who now lives in Waco, Texas; five sisters, Mrs. Merton Carver of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. G. Norman Price of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Harold Spinks of Vidalia, La.; Mrs. J. J. Newman of Vicksburg; and Mrs. Chester Quarles of Clinton; and 24 grandchildren.

She was a native of Rankin County and a member of Briar Hill Baptist Church.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Missions Program of Briar Hill Baptist Church.

## Homecomings

Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto, will observe homecoming day on Sunday, Oct. 28. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11. The pastor, Gene Erwin, will bring the message. All present, including friends, members, and former members, are invited to partake of the lunch to be served on the grounds.

The church choir, adult and youth, will give a musical presentation in the afternoon. An offering will be taken for the new pastorial building fund, and a ground breaking ceremony will be held.

Byram Church will have homecoming Oct. 28. The church will have an old-fashioned dinner on the ground after the morning service. Many former members and other visitors are expected. Henry J. Bennett is pastor.

Byram Church set a goal for 1979 of 52 people (one per week) of the church reading the whole Bible through in 1979. On Oct. 28, the date for the church annual homecoming, this goal will have been reached and exceeded, two months ahead of time. Henry J. Bennett is pastor.

Pleasant Hill Church, Leake County, will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 28. The services will begin with Sunday School at 10. A former pastor, Monroe Hukley, will deliver the message at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served on the church grounds. The afternoon service, beginning at 1:15, will include singing by the Professors of Moselle. The pastor is Dewey W. Moore.

First Church of Rannelstown (Perry County), organized in 1907, will observe homecoming Oct. 28. Events of the day will begin with Sunday School at 10. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall.

Billy Ray Blackwell of Clara, a former member, will present the 11 a.m. message; Wiley T. Johnson, former pastor, will be the 1:30 p.m. speaker.

Former pastors, members, and friends are invited, according to the pastor, James E. Parker.

Homecoming at New Hope Church (Leake Association) will be Oct. 28. Sunday School will be at 10 followed by worship service at 11 a.m.

J. Kalva Moore, pastor at New Hope in 1940-41, will deliver the homecoming message in the morning service. Dinner-on-the-ground will be served.

At 1:30 p.m. there will be gospel singing featuring "The Harmony Boys and Pam" from Louisville. Former members and guests will be recognized. Jimmy Young is pastor at New Hope, and David Pickel is music director.

Toronto (EP) — Half of Canada's people have no vital connection with any church, says church demographer Dennis Oliver.

## BSU Music, Drama Groups Are Available

This year the Baptist Student Union at Mississippi State University has three performing groups available to the churches for worship services, banquets, and outreach activities.

THE FISHERMEN, originally organized in 1970, is composed of eight singers and six musicians. Since its inception, the group has performed all over the state of Mississippi in sharing the Good News through music.

ACTS TOO is a creative worship team started in 1978. Using the media of drama, puppets, and music, the ten team members communicate the Gospel in a fresh and effective manner.

DRAWN TOGETHER is a new BSU singing group made up of four singers and three musicians. The group has already sung in several churches and been involved in outreach activities in the area.

For additional information on booking these groups, contact the Baptist Student Union, Box BU, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762; phone number (601) 323-5761.

## Iowa Baptists Adopt Largest Budget To Date

BETTENDORF, Iowa (BP) — The Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship, in annual meeting at First Baptist Church, Bettendorf, adopted the largest budget in its history, received reports of consistent growth, and set a target date for achieving full status as a state Baptist convention.

The fellowship adopted a budget of some \$400,000, including anticipated receipts from Iowa churches of \$146,673, of which 17.25 percent will go to the national Southern Baptist Cooperative Program in 1980. The 1980 budget anticipates a 30 percent increase in state Cooperative Program

receipts from churches over the 1979 budget.

With 64 churches and chapels and some 8,679 members, the Iowa Fellowship hopes to organize in October 1982 to begin operations as a state convention on Jan. 1, 1983. Currently, 34 state Baptist conventions cover work of Southern Baptists in all 50 states.

The organization as a convention will take place only if the Iowa Fellowship, now affiliated with the Missouri Baptist Convention, achieves 70 churches with 10,000 members with an average 10 percent gifts to missions.

## Staff Changes

James Shoemaker has accepted the call to the pastorate of Indian Springs church, Perry Association. He is a native of Jones County and a graduate of Whitfield High School near Overt.

Retired from the Navy, Shoemaker surrendered to the ministry while stationed on Guam. It was during his tour of duty on Guam that he was ordained as a deacon. Later he was ordained to the ministry at Oakley, Calif.

Before coming to Indian Springs, he held pastorates in California and Florida. He is married to the former Jane Herrington of Hattiesburg. They are the parents of three children. Both Pastor and Mrs. Shoemaker are graduates of Baptist Bible Institute of Graceville, Fla.

Robinson Street Baptist Church in

Jackson has added two new staffers. They are Robert G. White of Jackson and Greg Moore of Grenada.

White is assistant to the pastor and Moore is minister of music. Both are part time positions and both men are students at Mississippi College. Pastor of Robinson Street is Jim Doyle.

Thomas J. Ayo, has accepted the pastorate of Temple Church, McCluer Road, Jackson, coming from First Church, Loxley, Ala. He is a native of Louisiana and has served as pastor of churches in Alabama and Mississippi, and Louisiana. Ayo received A.A., and B.A. degrees from

Clarke College and Louisiana College, and Doctor of Ministry from New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Dorothy King.

Ayo

## Evelyn Christenson Will Present Seminar At Colonial Heights

Evelyn Christenson will be at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, on Nov. 15, to present her "Lord Change Me Seminar."

The hours of the seminar will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The church is at 5708 Old Canton Road.

Evelyn's first book, "What Happens When Women Pray," is currently second in sales of all religious paperbacks in the United States. Over 1/2 million are in print.

Her prayer seminars grew out of a six month experimentation as a part of the Crusade of Americas. As a pastor's wife, Evelyn was asked to take the

women of her own church of Rockford, Ill., and find out in six months' time exactly what did happen when women pray.

Her new book, "Lord, Change Me," grew out of her own personal experience of what happened when she prayed, "Lord, change me!" It has been in the top 10 national sales for a year.

Registration fee at Colonial Heights is \$6.00. This includes coffee break, sandwich and beverage. For further information call or write Mrs. Martha Gough, 5708 Old Canton Road, Jackson, Ms. 39211, 956-5000.

Tickets may be purchased at the door but early reservations will be helpful, says Mrs. Gough.

# GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

**Pastor - New Church Training Director Conferences**

**October 30**

**October 29**

Columbus, East End  
Drew, Drew  
Jackson, Calvary  
Meridian, Oakland Heights  
Gulfport, Bel Air  
Kosciusko, FBC  
Brookhaven, Easthaven  
Hattiesburg, Petal Harvey

**7:00 PM**



# Names In The News . . .

Sammy Jones McDonald was ordained to the gospel ministry in services at Antioch Church, Simpson County, Sept. 2.

George Lewis, pastor of Antioch Church, preached the ordination sermon and Ray Mosley, pastor of Palestine Church, Harrisville, led the ordination prayer.

McDonald, P. N. Harlan, former pastor of Clear Branch Church, gave the benediction. McDonald is currently serving as minister of music and assistant pastor at Palestine Church. He is attending Hinds Junior College.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy McDonald of Terry.

Wanda Weeks, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Weeks of Shaw, received a pin on Oct. 7 in recognition of her eleven years perfect attendance at Sunday School.

She is a member of Interstate Church, where Rickie Stanford is Sunday School director and Elvis Vance is pastor.

## Revival Dates

**Byhalia Church:** Oct. 22-26; Bob Kendig, evangelist; Huel Moseley, music director; Mrs. Pat Keltner of Labelle Haven in Memphis, organist; Chantice Johnson, pastor.

**Briarwood, Meridian:** Oct. 21 - Oct. 26; Jimmy Garrard, evangelist; Hubert Greer, music evangelist; homecoming Oct. 21; services 10:45 Oct. 21 and 7 each night; Thomas J. Wood, pastor.

**West Memphis, Ark.** — Sixty-six members of Koza Baptist Church, Okinawa, met recently in West Memphis, Ark., for a reunion. Koza church is an English-language congregation primarily attended by American servicemen stationed in Okinawa. During the church's 15-year history more than 3,000 servicemen and their families have been members there. Southern Baptist missionaries Elton and Dottie Gray, who have been assigned to Koza church since 1971, were in the States on furlough and attended the reunion.



MRS. CORINNE ANDERSON celebrated her 91st birthday recently. She has been a member of First Church, Sardis, for 79 years. She was active in Sunday School work with young children for 40 years, retiring from work in the Nursery Department at age 80. While confined to a wheel chair, she attends Sunday School and morning worship every Sunday. She lives with her daughter, Vera Anderson. Another daughter, Mrs. Edgar Still, lives in Sardis. Her pastor is G. C. "Bill" Cox.

Robert David Barlow was ordained as a deacon at Strong Hope Church, Copiah County, Oct. 7. Eugene Roberts, director of missions, Copiah and Lincoln Counties, gave the charge to the candidate. Roy Smith, BSU director at Co-Lin, gave the charge to the church. Jerry Lee Kennedy, pastor at Strong Hope, preached the sermon.



ROY THOMPSON, left, church treasurer for 21 years, was honored by First Church, Houlika, during a morning service as the church members showed appreciation by presenting him with an engraved plaque and a gold pocket watch. The service was followed by "dinner on the ground." Mr. Roy, as he is called, has resigned as church treasurer but states that he is going to use his time and talents now to serve the Lord through personal visitation, especially to the elderly. BRUCE CAPPLEMAN, right, pastor of the Houlika church, is shown presenting the gifts to Mr. Roy.

Special Guests at a recognition service in their honor at Calvary Church, Quitman, were the musicians, the pastor, and the church employees. The WMU did a "This Is Your Life" service to surprise the employees and musicians. Those having special recognition were Mrs. Beckey Mathis, church organist; Gary Thorne, minister of music; Alva Ray McCorkle, one year as pastor of Calvary; Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Johnson, church pianist; Vester Davis, custodian; and Mrs. Janice Wright, church secretary.

The program was climaxed with a musical program by guests and members of Calvary Church. The McCorkles were presented with a one year anniversary cake in a fellowship after the service.

First, Quitman, honored one of its own with Jerry Doggett Day on Sunday, Sept. 30. Jerry was ordained by that fellowship. Presently serving as pastor of West Shady Grove in Wayne County, he will graduate from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in December. He delivered the message during the morning worship service at First Church. A love offering was received to help with some of his educational expenses, and as an expression of support and encouragement of his ministry. First Baptist members gave him a total of \$1,552.28.

Friendship Sunday School Class of First Church, Lambert, Quitman Association, sponsored a special recognition service for six senior inactive deacons who have given many years of service to their church and community. Each man was recognized individually by one active deacon and at that time presented a gift. Those recognized were: Ed Anderson, John Allen, Jr., Dan Ashford, Volney Chapman, Ed King, and P. O. Williams.

Strong Hope Church, Copiah County, recently conducted a recognition service for four Acteen queens: Julie Carlisle, Lisa Hamilton, Lanell Jones, and Bethany Pickett, and three queens-with-a-scepter: Denise Hall, Sally James, and Felicia McLendon. Mrs. Gayle King presented the charge to the queens. Johnnie Ruth Carlisle conducted the Salt and Light Ceremony.

## Revival Results

**First Church, Okolona:** Oct. 6-11; James Fancher and Hubert Greer, evangelists; James E. Parker, pastor; 50 decisions, including 22 professions of faith.

## Missionaries Are Safe In El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (BP) — The two Southern Baptist missionary families stationed in El Salvador are waiting in their homes for conditions to stabilize following establishment of a new military government in this Central American country.

In an Oct. 16 phone call from San Salvador, missionary William W. Stennett told the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., that his family and the N. Hoyt Eudaly are safe in the midst of the coup.

The government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero was ousted the night of Oct. 15 by a new military government led by Col. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez and Col. Adolfo Arnoldo Majano.

## 125th Anniversary Shady Grove Church (Lincoln) Hears Former Pastor, Flowers

By Helland Smith

"The glory and the richness of this church is not in the past, though yours is a great and an abiding heritage. The glory of this church looms bright out in the future," stated John Flowers at the 125th anniversary homecoming of Shady Grove Church in southwest Lincoln County, Oct. 7.

Flowers, pastor of First Church at Senatobia, began his ministry 31 years ago in the Shady Grove Church. He served as pastor from 1948 to 1955. His message at the 100th anniversary, November 7, 1954, was, "Let us take a page from the book of our predecessors and look to the future with confidence and vision."

Pastor Eddie Graves gave the invocation and welcome. Many visitors came from distant states, such as Illinois, California, Texas, Florida and Louisiana.

The morning program was devoted to music and songs by the church choir and quartet. A special rendition of "The Little Church in the Wildwood" aptly described the setting.

One of the highlights of the morning was the recognition of grandchildren of some of the founders. Mrs. Ethel McCullough Coghlan, 90, of Ellenville, was honored as the oldest living descendant of the McCullough and the Hodges charter members. Others receiving honorable mention were William Harris McCullough, 83, of Livingston, La.; Sophia Alma Moak Robinson, 78, and Claude Moak, 72, of McComb.

Basket lunches were spread on the grounds at rear of the church.

Many reconvened in the afternoon for a special session of music and singing, to dedicate the piano and organ speaker donated by a member, who wished the gift to be anonymous.

Guest singer, Becky Wallace, of Memphis, Tenn., moved the listeners with her rendition of "He Touched Me." Becky is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Flowers. At two weeks of age, her voice was first heard in Shady Grove Church. "It's a privilege and an honor to be invited to sing for the members of this church who might remember my earlier voice," she laughed.

The closing prayer was offered by a former minister of music, Everette Huhn.

## Devotional

### Relationships of A Well Rounded Life

## Difficulties

By Ira Bright, Pastor, First, Shannon  
Proverbs 3:11-12

No matter how well we plan our lives, difficulties will come our way. Though the blessings of God may shine bright upon each one of us, one day adversity will come upon us. Because of ourselves, or others, or circumstances there will be without fail disappointing times on the schedule of our lives. Even our own failures or sins may be the source of our trouble and we will feel the correcting hand of God in our life.



Bright

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

How will I feel and how will you feel in a time like this? How will we react to adversity, failure, and trouble? The life of the person who is acceptable to God must have the right relationship to difficulties.

### Do Not Rebel Against God

Despise not the chastening of the Lord. Do not reject it with anger. Do not steel yourself against it. Do not stiffen your neck against God's correction and plunge recklessly ahead. How many have done this? How often have we had these feelings? Why is it wrong? BECAUSE WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CORRECTETH. Think of David and Jonah and Peter. Each one was chastened and each one accepted it.

### Do Not Faint Before God

On the other hand when difficulties come, do not be weary. Do not faint. Do not collapse or give up before God. The Bible several times instructs Christians to "stand" or "arise." God cannot work in us if in weakness we have fainted. The illustration has been given that when a performance is to begin on the stage, the lights in the rest of the building are turned down low. At times in our own lives, God dims our happiness, joy, and success so that we will see clearer the really important things which he wants in our lives.

To have a self satisfying and God pleasing life, we must have the right attitude toward adversity remembering that "whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth."

## Crossgates Begins Early Worship Service

Due to a rapid rate of growth in recent months, the Crossgates Baptist Church has found it necessary to schedule an early worship service to accommodate the increasing number of worshippers. In the past six months over 150 people have united with the church.

As growth continues, the church anticipates expanding to two Sunday Schools. The new Sunday morning schedule calls for worship services at 8:30 and 11:00. Sunday School will be set for 9:45. This new schedule begins on October 28, 1979. Gary G. Berry is pastor.

## Life and Work Lesson

## The Place Of Beginnings

By Thomas Baddley  
First Church, Brandon  
Genesis 1:3

Any subject to be studied is best understood if you begin at the beginning. As we study for the next four weeks about "God Making Himself Known," we can learn best by beginning at the beginning.

As the record of God's revelation of Himself to individuals, the Bible helps us to understand two great questions: (1) Who is God? (2) Who are we? The first three chapters of Genesis help us to know where to begin in our thinking about these matters. When we expand our thinking and look at these scriptures in the context of Genesis 1-11, or even broader in the context of the whole Pentateuch (Genesis — Deuteronomy), we can get an even better picture, at least of the Hebrew conception of beginnings.

**I. God As Creator (Genesis 1:1-2)**

"In the beginning," (that's where we said we wanted to begin this study) "God created the heaven and the earth." Though our lives are tied to calendars and timepieces, we are caused to remember that once a long time ago there was a time of beginning. The first act after the beginning was the creation of heaven and earth. The One creating these was God.

God pre-existed before the beginning. He brought about the existence of "things." Notice that the Bible always carefully distinguishes between God and man. God alone "creates," while man "builds," "fashions," or "forms." God is revealed to us through the pages of this inspired writer as "CREATOR."

When you open a can of coffee, the initial "puncture" brings an audible "psssss" and then the delightful aroma of the ground coffee. It is like a preview of what is to come. As we begin with God being revealed as creator, it is a preview or introduction to further revelation of God's power. As we have seen the power to create in Genesis 1, we also discover God's power to judge in Genesis 6, and the power of God as redeemer in Genesis 8. As we begin at the beginning, this passage can serve to open the constant process of discovering who God is.

**II. Man As The Image Of God (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:15)**  
The Psalmist wrote, "When I con-

sider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man that thou art mindful of him?" When we review the creative power of God and the beginnings of all things, where does man fit?

These verses from Genesis declared that man is a being created in the image of God. Man is a special creation. All areas of thought agree that man was/is the "crown of creation."

To be made "in our image" by God covers many areas. We are not necessarily made with an outward appearance like God; but rather with a spiritual nature akin to God's. Though man is finite and limited, he is capable of fellowship with God. Communications between man and God are possible. As a created being, man may respond to God. He possesses reason and will. In God's plan He gives man the possibility of responding "yes" or "no" to His will. Man is free to choose, but at the same time he is responsible for his choices. We need to remember that while we are like God, we are not God.

As a further lesson as to God's purpose for man, we are told that man is to have dominion over other created things and not be dominated by them (as happened in pagan worship of idols and other created things). Whereas animals adapt to whatever environment in which they find themselves, man can change his environment. He has dominion, but it can be used for good or bad. He is not only dominant, but responsible to maintain it according to God's purposes.

**III. Sin As Rebellion (Genesis 3:1-7, 9-10)**

We have looked at the beginning when God created and we have learned from this look a little of the nature of God. We have read of man's beginning, created by the creator to be special, different, above the other creations with a likeness to the spiritual nature of God. What then happened to separate the two: creator and "crown of creation"? From Genesis 3 we find the answer.

We have no record of the origin of evil. The Bible doesn't try to explain its beginning, but the Bible goes to great lengths to tell the reality of the presence of evil and the danger therein.

Sin is a universal fact of existence. Yet, the Biblical material never at-

tempts to answer the why of sin. Genesis 3 roots sin in the willful actions of individuals. Sin is portrayed as grounded in the desire and consequent action of persons to overstep their bounds as creatures. At the heart of sin is a mistrust of God's intentions for us. Sin results in alienation, the brokenness of relationship.

Genesis 3 is a rich literary mine. It stirs the imagination, paints terse, vivid word pictures, and even evokes a laugh or two from the discerning reader. Notice the account's satire: the great wisdom promised by the serpent resulted only in a knowledge of being naked. Verses 9 and 10 are even sharper satirical jabs at man's stolen "wisdom." How foolish to think that one can hide from God! Again, how foolish to let slip the newfound knowledge and thus reveal their disobedience! From another standpoint, verse 9 is quite serious. The question of God should be taken more than just physically. This passage speaks to the tragic/comic condition of sin.

When one seeks to think through the meaning of life, certain basic questions always arise. Why is there something instead of nothing? Why do I exist? The biblical authors focused their inspired understandings of these issues in the concepts of God and mankind. Genesis provides some basic insights into these concepts.

## Jones Will Lead Bible Conference At Pine Grove

Pine Grove Church, Tippah County, will hold a Bible conference Oct. 31-Nov. 3, in which Sheldon Jones will be the featured speaker. Jones is an evangelist from Monks Corner, S. C.

Randy Bostick, pastor, said that other speakers will include Randy Isbell, James Lewis, Danny Sparks, Roy Bostick, and Kara Blackard.

## 31, NOT 13

Zion Hill Church, Wesson, had 31 new members added to the church roll last year, rather than the 13 reported in the Oct. 18 issue of the Baptist Record.

## Uniform Lesson

## Christ Gives Cause to Rejoice

By Ed North, First, Quitman  
Philippians 4:13

A joyless Christian is a contradiction in terms. "Perhaps the greatest tragedy to befall the Faith was its identification with dark clothes and long faces. The New Testament is the happiest of books. Its primary subjects are people of joy. They had been infected with a lovely contagious joy by the happy Savior who spoke with a ready wit, and spent a lot of time at weddings, feasts, and parties.

Paul captures the joy of the Lord in an arresting fashion in his Letter to the Philippians. Often called The Epistle of Joy, this lovely letter rings with the gladness of life lived in Christ. Our focal passage sets forth four ways in which Christ gives us cause to rejoice.

**I. The Lord Is at Hand (v. 5)**  
Paul has in mind here the second coming of Christ, not just his continuing presence with believers. The return of Christ for his Church was a source of great joy to the first century Christian, and should be such for the contemporary believer.

In the first place, the promise of his coming settles the future. The one who lives in Christ has a certain tomorrow. The world wrings its collective hands, and anxiously questions: "What is this world coming to?" That is a wrong question, and there are no right answers for wrong questions. The correct query is "Who has come, and is coming again, into the world?" The answer is Jesus. Rejoice! He is guiding events to a glorious conclusion.

In the second place, the return of Christ gives meaning to the present because we live in hope. No matter how difficult the "straight and narrow" may become, it leads to glory. Unlike the rudderless, directionless, bewildered multitudes, the true believer has a fix on home, and he moves forward in joy.

**II. The Peace of Believing Prayer (vv. 6-7)**

Only the man at peace can know joy. Christ came to give an inner peace (reconciliation with God and with oneself) which becomes the source of external peace (reconciliation of man and man, race and race, nation and nation, etc.). This inner peace grows out of a vital, ongoing relationship with God in Christ. It "passeth all understanding . . ." which is to say that God's peace does far more for us than

we could even conceive. God's peace "keeps" us in the sense of an armed escort providing protection so that no outward trouble can disrupt the tranquility of the soul.

Paul sees the key to this precious peace in access to God through believing prayer. The Christian is to "have no anxiety about anything," but is to pray about "everything." Needless worry robs us of peace and short circuits our joy. It is a reflection of our lack of faith. The proper course for the believer is to commune with God in every situation, confidently and gratefully making his petitions known to the Father.

A little boy struggled to lift a heavy object as his father stood by watching intently. "Son," he said, "You're not using all your strength." Straining mightily the little fellow grunted, "Yes, I am!" "No you're not," replied the father. "You haven't asked me to help." It makes a real difference when we stop worrying about our inadequacies, and begin to believe in God's possibilities. The difference is a real peace in the inner man. Rejoice! Paul will elaborate on this later on in this passage.

**III. A Commitment to the Highest and Best (vv. 8-9)**

Paul challenges the Philippian Christians to think and to do, the highest and best. Actually, "think" is not an adequate rendering of the Greek in this case. The original term gathers up the idea of "to calculate or thoroughly analyze with a view toward putting into practice." It's not enough to think high thoughts unless those mental gymnastics issue in meaningful action. Paul underscores the need to live out one's concepts in verse nine when he enjoins his readers to "do" what they had learned from him.

Space will not permit an interpretation of each of the key descriptive words in verse eight. Suffice it to say that one is to be occupied in his total being with the highest and best. Here is a source of singular joy. I submit that the cause of much of the unhappiness in our society is the proliferation of trivia and trash. The worst pollution going today is the pollution of the mind. Lives occupied with small and vulgar thoughts and acts become small and vulgar lives. There is no joy here. The man who gives himself to the highest and best feels good about who

he is and what his life is about; he knows real joy.

**IV. The Gift of True Contentment (vv. 10-13)**

Here Paul elaborates on the peace which he personally experiences. He finds great joy in the loving care of the Philippian church (evidently a gift of money has been delivered to him from that fellowship), however, he is not dependent on material well-being for contentment in life. Paul had reached a level of spiritual maturity where he could say, "For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." He had learned to fare well when he was destitute and when he had an abundance, when he was full and when he was hungry. Whatever his condition, Paul had the gift of true contentment.

Now, at first reading, this smacks of Stoicism. The Stoic philosophy, which was popular in Paul's day, placed a premium on facing life without complaint, depending only on one's own resources. In fact, the term translated "contentment" literally means "self-sufficiency." But, Paul was no Stoic.

The thing which rescues Paul from pure Stoicism is his statement in verse 13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Literally, the verse reads, "I have strength for all things in him who gives me inward power." Paul was not self-sufficient, nor was he man-sufficient. He was Christ-sufficient! And therein lies the secret of true contentment. Doesn't verse 19 of this chapter say it all? "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Rejoice!

## Oakland Plans Bible Study

Oakland Church, Corinth, will hold its third annual fall Bible conference Oct. 28-31.

Sheldon Jones, evangelist from Monks Corner, S.C., will be the speaker. John Joiner, minister of music at Oakland, will direct the music.

The conference will begin Sunday morning at 10:55. Services Mon.-Wed. will be at 7 p.m., according to Tommy Vinson, pastor.